



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 09/199,655  
Applicants : RICHARD A. MATHIES, ET AL.  
Filed : NOVEMBER 25, 1998  
Title : MICROPLATE SAMPLE AND REAGENT LOADING SYSTEM  
  
Confirmation No. : 3941  
Art Unit : 1743  
Examiner : GORDON, BRIAN R.  
  
Atty Docket No. : AFFY-0019-UT1

**RESPONSE & AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 11, 2006, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks.

It is not believed that extension for time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore, including fees for net addition of claims, are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 10-0233-AFFY-0019-UT1.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.